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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-48 (cancelled)

Claim 49 (currently amended): A food coating composition comprising from about 25% to about 70% by weight of the combination of a rice component and a dextrin component in a ratio of rice component to dextrin component of from about 1:2 to about 5:1, said composition being free of a corn starch components component.

Claim 50 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 49, wherein the rice component comprises up to about 35% by weight of the solids content of the composition.

Claim 51 (currently amended): The food coating composition of claim 50 further comprising from about 25% to about 45% by weight potato starch.

Claim 52 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 51, wherein the potato starch is a modified ungelatinized low-amyllose content potato starch.

Claim 53 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 52 further comprising at least about 1% of at least one leavening agent.

Claim 54 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 53 further comprising at least about 0.1% of at least one stabilizing agent.

Claim 55 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 49 wherein the ratio of rice component to dextrin component is from about 1:1 to about 5:1.

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Claim 56 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 55, wherein the rice component comprises up to about 30% by weight of the solids content of the composition.

Claim 57 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 56 which further comprises potato starch.

Claim 58 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 57, wherein the potato starch is a modified ungelatinized low-amylase content potato starch.

Claim 59 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 58 further comprising at least about 1% of at least one leavening agent.

Claim 60 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 59 further comprising at least about 0.1% of at least one stabilizing agent.

Claim 61 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 49, wherein the ratio of the rice component to the dextrin component is from about 2:1 to about 3.5:1.

Claim 62 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 61, wherein the rice component comprises up to about 30% by weight of the solids content of the composition.

Claim 63 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 62 further comprising from about 25% to about 50% by weight potato starch.

Claim 64 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 62 further comprising a modified ungelatinized low-amylase content potato starch.

Claim 65 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 64 further comprising at least about 1% of at least one leavening agent.

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Claim 66 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 65 further comprising at least about 0.1% of at least one stabilizing agent.

Claim 67 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 66, wherein the stabilizing agent comprises methylcellulose.

Claim 68 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 66, wherein the stabilizing agent comprises xanthan gum.

Claim 69 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 66 further comprising at least about 0.1% of at least one color agent component.

Claim 70 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 69, wherein the color agent component comprises a color agent component selected from the group consisting of corn syrup solids, sucrose, whey, derivatives thereof, and combinations thereof.

Claim 71 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 66 further comprising at least about 1% of a salt component or derivative thereof.

Claim 72 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 64, wherein the dextrin component comprises up to about 30% by weight of the solid contents of the composition.

Claim 73 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 49, wherein the rice component comprises a rice component selected from the group consisting of a short-grain rice flour component, a medium-grain rice flour component, a long-grain rice flour component, and mixtures thereof.

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Claim 74 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 73, wherein the dextrin component comprises a dextrin component selected from the group consisting of corn dextrin, tapioca dextrin, potato dextrin, derivatives thereof, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 75 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 73, wherein the dextrin component comprises corn dextrin.

Claim 76 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 74, wherein the dextrin component comprises a high-solubility dextrin.

Claim 77 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 74, wherein the dextrin component comprises a low-solubility dextrin.

Claim 78 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 49, wherein the composition further comprises an adherent.

Claim 79 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 78, wherein the adherent comprises a potato starch component.

Claim 80 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 79, wherein the potato starch component comprises a modified ungelatinized low-amylase content potato starch.

Claim 81 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 79, wherein the potato starch component comprises up to about 50% by weight of the composition.

Claim 82 (cancelled)

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Claim 83 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 49 further comprising at least about 1% of at least one leavening agent.

Claim 84 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 83, wherein the leavening agent comprises a leavening agent selected from the group consisting of an edible acid, an edible carbonate, derivatives thereof, and combinations thereof.

Claim 85 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 83, wherein the leavening agent comprises a combination of sodium acid pyrophosphate and sodium bicarbonate.

Claim 86 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 83 further comprising at least about 1% of at least one sweetening ingredient component.

Claim 87 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 86, wherein the sweetening ingredient component comprises sugar.

Claim 88 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 49 further comprising at least about 0.1% of at least one stabilizing agent.

Claim 89 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 88, wherein the stabilizing agent comprises a stabilizing agent selected from the group consisting of a cellulose ether, a natural gum, an alginate, a polyalcohol, a water-soluble polymer, derivatives thereof, and combinations thereof.

Claim 90 (previously presented): The food coating composition of claim 49 further comprising a quantity of water mixed with the composition to form a slurry.